

1 **IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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4 **STATE OF MARYLAND,**

5 **v.**

6 **NORRIS ELLIS**

7 **Defendant,**

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10 **Case No.: D-111-CR-21-001918**

11 **INTERVIEW OF NORRIS ELLIS**

12 **DETECTIVE:** This is Detective Sean McKinney with the Frederick Police. Today is July
13 twelfth, uh at approximately eight fifty AM. I'm here with Detective Gerald Green and Norris
14 Ellis um I'm here... we're here to talk to Mr. Ellis about an incident I'm investigating, case
15 number 21-49724. Um we're at the parole and probation office. Uh Mr. Ellis, like I told you
16 when I first talked to you, uh I told you I'm investigating a case where a woman got sexually
17 assaulted over the fourth of July weekend um and I just wanna talk to you about it, rule you out.
18 Um, one of the things I do wanna do before we get started is just to make sure you understand
19 you're not under arrest or anything like that, I just wanna read you your Miranda Rights. Do you
understand that?

20 **NORRIS:** Yes sir.

21 **DETECTIVE:** Okay so let me go ahead and read these and I'll go ahead and talk to you real
22 quick. Okay... so um, before I ask you any questions, I must tell you your rights and you must
23 understand them. Um, you have the right to remain silent, you don't have to say anything to me,

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1 answer any questions, or make a statement unless you wanna do so. Do you understand that
2 right?

3 **NORRIS:** Yes sir

4 **DETECTIVE:** Okay. Um anything you say can and will be used against you in a court of law.
5 Do you understand that right?

6 **NORRIS:** Yes sir.

7 **DETECTIVE:** Okay, um you have the right to talk with a lawyer for advice before I ask you
8 any questions. And to have him with you during questioning. Do you- -do you understand that
9 right?

10 **NORRIS:** Yes sir.

11 **DETECTIVE:** Okay, um if you want a lawyer but don't have the money to hire one, a lawyer
12 will be provided for you before I ask you any questions. Do you understand that right?

13 **NORRIS:** Yes sir.

14 **DETECTIVE:** Okay, um, if you now wanna answer questions without a lawyer, you still have
15 the right to stop answering questions at any time. You have the right to stop answering questions
16 at any time until you talk to a lawyer. So basically, once you're- - if you don't wanna talk to us
17 anymore, just tell me you don't wanna talk anymore and- - and then we're done, okay?

18 **NORRIS:** [unintelligible]

19 **DETECTIVE:** Okay. Just-just if you say--

20 **NORRIS:** Yes.

21 **DETECTIVE:** Okay- - okay. Okay so I have had read to me the above statement of my rights to
22 questioning and know what my rights are, um, I'm now willing to answer questions and- -and
23 make a statement. I don't wanna talk to a lawyer at this time, I understand and stand and know

1 what you're doing -- you understand and know what you're doing and you're doing so because
2 you wanna do so, um no promises of any kind have been made to you. No threats have been
3 made against you. No force or pressure of any kind has been used against you to make you
4 answer questions. Is that-- is that correct?

5 **NORRIS:** Yes.

6 **DETECTIVE:** Okay. Alright sir, if you could just -- initial like underneath there and sign there
7 for me

8 **NORRIS:** Initial one of these for every one?

9 **DETECTIVE:** Yes sir.

10 **DETECTIVE:** Is it hot out there? Yea?

11 **NORRIS:** Yea, it's getting there.

12 **DETECTIVE:** Getting hot. Okay.

13 **NORRIS:** Uh, sign here?

14 **DETECTIVE:** Yes sir. Okay thanks. Okay Mr. Ellis, so obviously, I mean I know, you're --you
15 know you -- you're -- you're a sex offender and um like I told you then, the incident -- the
16 incident that I'm investigating happened -- happened over the fourth of July weekend. Um were
17 you in town? Wh -- What did you do fourth of July weekend?

18 **NORRIS:** Um, I don't know I was -- I was um... I hung out in my neighborhood area. Um, we
19 was in uh- - I don't know, just hung out in my neigh -- hung out, you know what I mean?

20 **DETECTIVE:** At -- and where is your neighborhood at?

21 **NORRIS:** I live in Walkersville.

22 **DETECTIVE:** Okay, where -- on Revelation Avenue?

23 **NORRIS:** Yeah

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1 **DETECTIVE:** Okay, yea I mean -- I can -- your probation -- Julian, told me that. Um so...
2 so... fourth of July weekend, Saturday was the third. Where you there? Wh -- where were you at
3 on Saturday the third? Like...

4 **NORRIS:** In the area.

5 **DETECTIVE:** Like in... you just hung out at your house?

6 **NORRIS:** Not just my house, I mean, downtown, um uh

7 **DETECTIVE:** Downtown where?

8 **NORRIS:** Um. I was at uh... I don't know... uh... what's the place? Old town, places like that.

9 Am I -- am I being placed under arrest?

10 **DETECTIVE:** No -- No, I am just tryna talk to you about what's going on, and um --

11 **NORRIS:** [Unintelligible] I'm sitting here and I'm thinking, I should talk to a lawyer. I should
12 have an attorney present.

13 **DETECTIVE 2:** Okay -- yea I mean. That's absolutely your right.

14 **NORRIS:** Just -- cuz I -- I -- cuz of my background and... you know, I've already been
15 convicted before... so --

16 **DETECTIVE 2:** Okay.

17 **NORRIS:** -- so, I just think that's in my best interest.

18 **DETECTIVE 2:** Okay sir, that's your right. I'm -- no problem, um, Mr. Ellis has elected to
19 invoke his right to a lawyer, so the interview is concluded at this time.

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